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ACTION EB-11

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AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

USINT CAIRO

USINT ALGIERS

AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN PIPLINES NEAR NORMAL

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1. WAR-DAMAGED BANIAS TERMINAL OF IRAQ (FORMERLY IPC)
PIPLINE RESUMED OPERATION UNEXPECTEDLY NOV 3, PERMIT-
TING SYSTEM'S THROUGHPUT TO BOTH BANIAS AND TRIPOLI TO
INCREASE TO ABOUT ONE MILLION BARRELS DAILY, JUST BELOW
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RATED CAPACITY. SINCE ONLY NINE OF BANIAS' 24 STORAGE

TANKS SURVIVED, OPERATIONS THERE EXPECTED TO BE IRREGULAR FOR SOME TIME BUT PIPELINE OPERATORS BELIEVE IT POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN DAILY EXPORTS AT ONE MILLION BBL LEVEL. SHIPS WILL CALL FIRST AT TRIPOLI AND BE DIVERTED TO BANIAS WHEN IT CAN ACCOMMODATE THEM.

2. TAPLINE REPORTS SEVERAL SHIPS IN OR EXPECTED, CONSIDERS THAT ITS OPERATIONS ARE BACK TO NORMAL ALTHOUGH THROUGHPUT WILL REMAIN BELOW CAPACITY UNTIL STOCKS REDUCED TO NORMAL LEVEL.

3. ACCORDING MIDDLE EAST ECONOMIC SURVEY (MEES) OF NOV 2, NEW POSTED PRICES IN EFFECT FOR PIPELINE CRUDEE SINCE OCT 16. THEY ARE: IRAQ 36-DEGREE \$7.213 BBL (FORMERLY \$4.243), SAUDI 34-DEGREE \$7.149 (VS \$4.205).

4. COMMENT: BAD WEATHER HALTED PIPELINE EXPORTS NOV 3-5 BUT THERE NO INDICATION OF POLITICAL EXPORT REDUCTIONS FOR EITHER PIPELINE.
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